

Department of Public Health
and Human Services

Section:
ABLE BODIED ADULTS WITHOUT
DEPENDENTS

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM

Subject:
Geographic Waiver

Supersedes: FS 802-1 (10/01/07)

References: 7 CFR 273.7, 7 CFR 273.24, FS Act section 6 (D)(2)

GENERAL RULE - On the request of the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS), the Secretary of Agriculture may waive the Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) provision for any group of individuals. The Secretary determines if the area meets established labor market criteria to be eligible for the waiver.

It will be the responsibility of DPHHS to annually evaluate the status of each county and reservation to determine areas that do not have a sufficient number of jobs to provide employment to non-exempt individuals. DPHHS will use this information to annually request ABAWD waivers. The areas to be waived from the provision will vary from year to year.

► **WAIVED COUNTIES**

The following counties have been granted waiver of the ABAWD provision August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2009.

**Big Horn
Lincoln
Petroleum
Rosebud**

**Golden Valley
Mineral
Pondera
Sanders**

**Glacier
Musselshell
Roosevelt**

Note: Counties that lost the ABAWD Waiver effective July 31, 2008 are Lake, Liberty, Powder River, Prairie, Treasure and Wibaux. Counties that had the waiver renewed are those listed above. The remaining counties were not waived in the previous waiver year and continue to be unwaived.

► **RESERVATIONS**

Individuals residing on the following Indian Reservations have been granted a waiver of the ABAWD provision August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2009.

**Blackfeet Agency
Fort Belknap Agency
Northern Cheyenne Agency
The portion of Flathead Reservation that resides in
Sanders County.**

**Crow Agency
Fort Peck Agency
Rocky Boy's Agency**

CASE NOTES All counties must enter a case note when any adult in a SNAP household is an ABAWD and if an ABAWD time-clock exemption is applicable. The case note will be titled 'ABAWD'.

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